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Minutes 11/12/2009

Arlington Recycling Committee **Minutes 11/12//09 Meeting**

Attendees: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Ruth Yannetti (APW), Pete Howard (Secretary)

Solid Waste Update: Gordon, using his running 12 mo chart, reported that the trash incinerated dropped again to slightly abaci 15,000T based on the 10/09 figures.

PAYT Planning: Pete reported that Carolyn Dann, the DEP consultant met recently w/ the Town Manager & staff.

She has prepared 4 different plans for various cost neutral combinations of automated SW collection & PAYT together w/ a draft viewgraph report. She will add a 5th: PAYT w/ no free bags. She will also update her figures to a recent revision of the number of residences from the Assessor's Office.

Community Collection Day, Saturday 11/14: The group reviewed the preparations w/ Ruth. These include - Flyers, DPW News, Recycling Tips, Arlington list et al posting, Town website and e-alerts, Massachusetts Avenue APD electric signage, Board of Selectmen presentation and proclamation. Gordon noted that Juli, Pete and he were well received by the BoS and while there and again at the meeting he complimented Ruth & DPW on their recycling efforts.

- Participants: DPW-DPH --Paper Shredders- Bikes Not Bombs- Stratton (Got Books) - DeAnne DuPont (Little Fox and Book Rack) - Planet Aid - LABBB - AHS Collection - Bags/information
- Promotional items for distribution at the event: Single stream flyer, reusable in-house recycling bags, recycling stickers, yard waste stickers, community collection bin network handouts

Community Collection Bin Networks - Management and Promotional Work:

- Got Books Library Bin Gordon to pursue again at STM on Nov 16th with Director of Libraries)
- Ottoson Abitibi bin Plan to discuss w/ Julie at CCD.

Post CCD Report: While an absolutely horrid day the strategic use of many canopies, coffee and overall good spirits permitted all to survive the monsoons and to make the day a great success - participated!

Recycling Plant Field Trip 12/3/09: Westborough Ruth provided a flyer on a WasteWise to be held that day which will include a tour of the Harvey paper & construction debris recycling facility. No definite plans to attend. Post meeting update: Four members and associates plan to attend and report back.

New Business: Gordon proposed enforcing the ban on trashing cardboard. There seems to be no cost affective way to get word out to all households. Possible use of the schedule postcard was discussed with total cost an issue

- Post meeting update: Three options have presented themselves since the meeting (i) E-Alert on single stream, cardboard recycling options and town wide collection system (ii) Anneli will craft holiday cardboard and holiday gift wrap recycling tip and (iii) The Treasurer reports that he can insert a 'buck slip' in the regular tax and excise tax mailings (just enough weight to spare to permit) - He suggests that the DPW/ARC target the vehicle excise tax mailing - ca. 33,000 printed (color) buck slips would need to be in his office by mid-Jan - The group will discuss design and content at December meeting.

Next Meeting: Dec 10th, 7:30 pm, Town Hall Annex 2nd Fl Conference Room (2nd Thursdays)